



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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December 17, 2008 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

MEMBERS
STEVEN AFRIAT
PRESIDENT
RENÉE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT
DIANA WOOD
SECRETARY
JAMES BARGER
COMMISSIONER
SARA VASQUEZ
COMMISSIONER

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary
James Barger, Commissioner

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Paul Wong, Beaches and Harbor
Rick Velasquez, Deputy 5th District
Arlene Cox, Sheriff's Department

Absent Commissioners

Sara Vasquez, Commissioner
(Approved Leave)

Guests

Charles Colby
Kenneth Schwartz
Jeff Seymour
Mae Therese Bergman
Jean R. Zappulla
Marco Vences
Kristine Minasyan
Harry Minasyan
Sherry Maitland
Daniel Grigsby, Attorney

Commission Services Staff

Nyla Jefferson
Janice Davis
Rhonda Rangel

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of December 3, 2008

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Wood

Abstention: Commissioner Barger

Vote: Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Application For Bingo Manager/Exempt/SC Business License, ID #135506 and ID#135507

Jean Ruth Zappula
Mae Theresa Bergman
Friendly Valley Recreation
19345 Avenue of the Oaks
Newhall (Fifth District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that both applicants have received all necessary approvals from the County. There are approximately 80-90 players and the average age of the bingo players is over 55. Both applicants have not read the Bingo Manager Ordinance.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved Business License #135506 with the following condition:

- Review the Bingo Manager Ordinance and contact the Commission office if there are any questions.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved Business License #135507 with the following condition:

- Review the Bingo Manager Ordinance and contact the Commission office if there are any questions.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application For Massage Parlor - General/SC Business License, ID #134408

Kenneth J. Schwartz
Peace of Mind Spa
ST & LLC
26545 Golden Valley Road
Santa Clarita (Fifth District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that both applicants have received all necessary approvals from the County. Arlene Cox, Sheriff's Department stated that they recommend the approval of the license. Kenneth Schwartz stated that

the business has one skin care room and five massage rooms. They also sell skin products. Mr. Schwartz is familiar with the Massage Parlor ordinance and all his technicians have the appropriate licenses.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above license with the following conditions:

- All standard County conditions.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application for Bookstore - General/SC Business License, ID #134750

Jose Refugio Lopez
Sobicain
The Society of Saint Paul
5003 Whittier Boulevard
Los Angeles (First District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that the applicant has obtained all necessary approvals. Arlene Cox, Sheriff's Department, completed the investigation and is recommending approval of the license. Authorized representative, Marco Vences, via an interpreter, stated that the business is a Catholic bookstore that sells bibles and inspirational books. They are open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The business has 10 employees and has been in Los Angeles for 30 years.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above license.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application for Taxicab Operator/Taxicab Vehicles 4 (Service Areas 6 and 11) Business License ID #135278 (Continued from December 3, 2008)

Yellow Star Cab
Best Taxi & Delivery Service LLC
45326 Trevor Avenue
Lancaster (Fifth District)

Kristina Minasyan, business owner and Harry Minasyan, Director of Operations, were present for the hearing. Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that this is a continuance and the applicants were requested to present a needs assessment to the Commission. He also stated that Service Area's 6 and 11 include unincorporated

Los Angeles County areas surrounding Santa Clarita and North County Lancaster and Palmdale all the way up to Kern County line. Ms. Minasyan presented letters from companies and phone records showing how much calls the business received. Ms. Minasyan stated that when she purchased the company the license to service areas 6 and 11 were expired, but they still receive calls for service. Mr. Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office stated that there is only one other cab company in the area. The applicants did not have a needs assessment to present to the Commission as requested on December 3, 2008.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the item to January 14, 2009.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Recommendation to Deny Application for an Entertainment- General with Dance & Annual Dance Business License ID #135587

Charles Colby
The Organic Panificio LLC
4211 Admiral Way
Marina Del Rey (Fourth District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector, reported that this is an existing Public Eating license that has been denied by the Department of Beaches and Harbor. Mr. Dangerfield also stated that the above-mentioned business is not allowed to conduct Entertainment with dance because they have never been issued an entertainment dance license in the past.

Paul Wong, Department of Beaches and Harbor, stated that the Department of Building and Safety is also denying the above-mentioned license. Mr. Wong also stated that a memo was recently sent to Mr. Colby with a list of 42 conditions and no agreement has been made between the applicant and Department of Beaches and Harbor. Dan Griesby, Attorney representing Chuck Colby and the Organic Panificio, stated that they have received the 42 conditions and have reviewed them.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the item until January 14, 2008.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

(The Commission recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.)

Application for Entertainment-General with Dance & Annual Dance Business License ID #135230

Leroy Smith
Imperial Strip Restaurant & Bar
14137 Imperial, Inc.
14137 Imperial Highway
Whittier (Fourth District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, stated that the applicant has obtained all necessary County approvals. He also stated that the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office have received a call from the City of La Mirada regarding the DBA of the business. There were no complaints received. Jeff Seymour, Attorney for applicant, provided a brief background of the business. The business has been in existence for 14 years and the establishment is a full restaurant with bar with live music and karaoke and is not an adult business. The restaurant is open Monday to Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. and on Monday and Tuesday hours of operation are from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The applicant is aware that if there are any changes to the entertainment then he would have to appear and be approved by the Commission. The applicant is also aware that the license is non-transferable.

Rick Velasquez, Assistant Chief of Staff to Supervisor Knabe, requested a one-week continuance to allow a crime report for the area to be obtained and to meet with the applicant.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license with the following conditions:

- Waive stage and dressing room requirements.
- They meet with the Fourth District Office by January 7, 2009.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application for Issuance of Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit

Lotts of Hope
Brenda Lott
6026 Castana Ave
Lakewood (Fourth District)

The applicant was not present.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the item until January 14, 2008.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: The January 7, 2009 meeting will be at 11:00 a.m.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA: The status of Pep Boys and the food vendor issue to be placed on the January 21, 2009 agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President